

The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, Inc.



THE CONNECTION

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Are you interested in what our State Senators and State Legislators did (or didn't do!) this past Legislative Session? If so, why not come to our Annual Legislative Update Breakfast! We have invited our local female legislators to come to give you their "take" on what happened during Session and answer your questions.



Immediately following the Legislative Update, the WCC and WCF will hold their "members only" Annual Meeting to officially vote on the proposed Slate of Officers for the 2009-2010 year. Come and join us for a great breakfast buffet at the Airport Hilton! See below for more information.

The Women's Chamber Foundation is the education arm of our Chamber. Each year funds are raised to enable the Foundation to award scholarships to both graduating female high school seniors and women returning to college to further their education. These scholarships are awarded at the WCF's Annual Linking Women To Learning Scholarship Luncheon which will be held on June 11th this year.

This is probably one of the most rewarding events that we have. We still have a few sponsorship opportunities available and can always use donations for our Auction. Proceeds from this Event will go towards our 2010 Scholarship Program. I hope to see you there! Please see below for more information.

Our Chamber is successful due to you...and I know that you will continue to support us!

I look forward to seeing you soon!

As always, if you have any comments, ideas, thoughts and/or suggestions, please share them with me...REMEMBER...this is YOUR Chamber!

Sincerely,

Theresa

Theresa LePore, President
The Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County, Inc.

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by Sandra Kaplan, Chair



On Thursday, June 11, 2009, the Women's Chamber Foundation will hold our Annual Linking Women to Learning Scholarship Luncheon. The Luncheon will be held at The Cohen Pavilion at The Kravis Center. Registration and a Chinese Auction will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the Luncheon and Program beginning at 12:00 noon.

We are proud to have WPEC News 12 Anchor Liz Quirantes as our Mistress of Ceremonies.

We are also excited to have Dr. Kathleen Anderson, a Professor of English at Palm Beach Atlantic University, as our Keynote Speaker. Dr. Anderson has taught at the University level for nearly twenty years and is a specialist in 19th century British literature and women writers. She founded the Women's Studies Group at PBAU which provides campus programs, events, a women's scholarship and mentoring opportunities that promote women's leadership.

I am happy to announce that The Foundation will be awarding a total of eleven scholarships this year totaling \$11,000! The scholarship recipients include two women who have previously received WCF scholarships, three women who are returning to school, five 2009 high school graduates and one to a working women who is returning back to school.

Our Scholarship Luncheon Chairs, Helena Dobbs-Edie and Margaret Montalvo, and their outstanding Committee continuing to work on making this Luncheon the best ever! Anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact Margaret Montalvo (mfmontalvo@comcast.net) or Helena Dobbs-Edie (shooboxservices@bellsouth.net). This is a wonderful and very rewarding committee. Please get involved!!!

Won't you please join us for this wonderful Event? There are several ways to register for the Luncheon: register online by going to the Foundation website (www.womenschamberfoundation.org); print the invitation out and either fax it to the Chamber Office (561-684-4533) or mail it to the Chamber Office with your check; or you can call the Chamber Office (561-684-4523) and make your reservation over the telephone.

We look forward to seeing you at the Luncheon!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please always feel free to contact me, (561) 688-0048 or you can go to www.womenschamberfoundation.org.

Fondly,

Sandra



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SAVE THE DATE!

05/09 @ 11:30 am
1st Annual Afternoon of Fashion @ Ibis
Golf & Country Club

05/13 @ 5:30 pm
Networking Mixer @ PGA Resort & Spa

05/28 @ 7:30 am
Legislative Breakfast & WCC/WCF
Annual Meeting @ Airport Hilton

06/11 @ 11:30 am
WCF Annual Scholarship Luncheon @
Kravis

06/18 @ 5:30 pm
WCC/WCF Installation Dinner @ PGA
Marriott

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**COMMITTEE
MEMBERS NEEDED!**

**The following WCC
Committees need
members...why not join a
Committee today!**

- Ambassadors
- Communications
- Fashion Show
- Finance Foundation
- Fund Development
- Giraffe Awards
- Governmental Affairs
- Nominating Networking
Programs
- Women's Expo



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**Local Legislators are invited to speak
and give updates from the
2009 Florida Legislative Session**

**Thursday, May 28, 2009
7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

**WCC and WCF Annual Meeting
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**Club 10 at The Airport Hilton
150 Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach**

**Members: \$25 prior to 05/26/2009
Non-Members: \$35 prior to 05/26/2009
\$40 After 05/26/2009 and At the Door**

**Make your reservations now for this exciting
Breakfast!**

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**The Women's Chamber Foundation
Annual Linking Women to Learning
Scholarship Luncheon**

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Cordially invites you to attend their**

**Annual Linking Women to
Learning Scholarship Luncheon**

**Keynote Speaker
Dr. Kathleen Anderson
Palm Beach Atlantic University**

**Mistress of Ceremonies
Liz Quirantes, News Anchor - WPEC News 12**

**Thursday, June 11, 2009
11:30 am - Registration and Chinese Auction
12:00 noon - Luncheon and Program**

Contact the Women's Chamber Office for more information!

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\$50 ~ Members and Guests
\$60 ~ After June 5, 2009
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Register Online at:
www.womensfoundation.org

Or call (561) 684-4523 for more information

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2009 - 2010 Slate of Officers & Directors for WCC & WCF

WOMEN'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OFFICERS

President - Jane Bloom - term expires 06/2010
1st Vice President - Karen Wiser - term expires 06/2010
2nd Vice President - Sandra Kaplan - term expires 06/2010
Treasurer - Julie Kelly - term expires 06/2010
Secretary - Judy Jacobs - term expires 06/2010
Immediate Past President - Theresa LePore - term expires 06/2011

DIRECTORS

Lexye Aversa - 1 year term expiring 06/2010
Catherine Callan - 2 year term expiring 06/2011
Kimberly Deveney - 2 year term expiring 06/2011
Michele Hartburg - 2 year term expiring 06/2011
Sandra Kaplan - 1 year term expiring 06/2010
Margo Kohlhoff - 2 year term expiring 06/2011
Theresa LePore - 2 year term expiring 06/2011
Andrea Plevin - 2 year term expiring 06/2011
Suzanne Turner - 2 year term expiring 06/2011
Denise Valz - 2 year term expiring 06/2011

NOTE: The terms for Directors Sherrie Goldsmith and Huntley Miller do not expire until 06/2010.

WOMEN'S CHAMBER FOUNDATION

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Chair - Theresa LePore
Vice-Chair - Judy Jacobs
Treasurer - Huntley Miller
Secretary - Janelle Dowley
Immediate Past Chair - Sandra Kaplan
Director - Carol Dixon
Director - Margo Kohlhoff
Director - Tatiana Parra
Director & Chair of Scholarship Luncheon - Jennifer Rodriguez
Director - Karen Wiser
Director - Barbara Benson Wymer

National Croquet Center



WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS!

NOTE: The terms for Officers and Directors of WCF are for one year.



OFFICE FOR RENT

The Women's Chamber of Commerce has an Office available for rent. Monthly rent includes electricity, use of small conference room and use of kitchen facilities. If you are interested, please contact Patricia Taras, WCC Executive Director, at (561) 684-4523.



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